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In re Appln. of: Etienne Chapelain et al.

Appln. No.: 10/520,030

Filed: 12/29/04

For: A Steering Wheel

Attorney Docket No: 12400-031

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- ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement
☐ Form PTO-1449
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Respectfully submitted,

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

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Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.


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